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1. FOLLOWING INTERAGENCY REVIEW, AND THE CREATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION AGENCY, THE FOLLOWING IMPLE-
MENTATION STATEMENT, AND GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT
FOR BULGARIA IS APPROVED.

2. GOALS IMPLEMENTATION - BULGARIA
IN IMPLEMENTING ESTABLISHED GOALS, THE AMBASSADOR AND
THE COUNTRY TEAM WILL:

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--INCREASE CONSULTATIONS WITH BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT AND
PARTY OFFICIALS TO IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH US AND BULGARI-
AN INTERESTS COINCIDE;

--ENCOURAGE BULGARIA TO MAINTAIN GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS
WITH GREECE AND TURKEY THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH BULGARIAN
OFFICIALS AND MONITOR SUCH RELATIONS THROUGH CLOSE CON-

TACTS WITH THE GREEK AND TURKISH EMBASSIES;

--INDICATE TO BULGARIAN OFFICIALS THAT WE WOULD VIEW GRAVELY ANY ACTION DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE INTERNAL EVENTS IN YUGOSLAVIA, ESPECIALLY AFTER TITO'S DEATH;

--IDENTIFY NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IN WHICH BULGARIA MAY HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST AND EXPLAIN US POSITIONS;

--EXPLAIN US POLICIES, PROJECT AN ACCURATE IMAGE OF US SOCIETY, AND INCREASE AWARENESS OF US ACHIEVEMENTS THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACTS, EMBASSY PROGRAMS, PROPOSALS FOR VOA BROADCASTS, AND EXCHANGES;

-- CONTINUE TO PRESS THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT, BOTH IN PUBLIC AND IN PRIVATE, AS APPROPRIATE, TO RESPECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF BULGARIAN CITIZENS AND TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT;

--ENCOURAGE THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIMS OF US HOLDERS OF DEFAULTED DOLLAR BONDS WITH THE FOREIGN BONDHOLDERS PROTECTIVE COUNCIL;

--EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A US NAVY SHIP VISIT TO A BULGARIAN PORT, ENSURING THAT THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES
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PROVIDE FREE ACCESS AND REASONABLE EXPOSURE OF BULGARIANS TO THE SHIP;

--TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, TO PROTEST THE BULGARIAN MEDIA'S TREATMENT OF THE US TO RANKING BULGARIAN OFFICIALS, AND ATTEMPT TO PLACE US INFORMATION MATERIALS IN THE BULGARIAN MEDIA;

--CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE EXCHANGES OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WARRANTS;

--ACQUIRE BY LONG-TERM LEASE OR PURCHASE A NEW CHANCERY BUILDING OR SITE SUITABLE BY REASON OF LOCATION, ACCESSIBILITY TO THE BULGARIAN PUBLIC, AND ADEQUATE WORKING SPACE;

--DESPITE THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE ABSENCE OF MFN TARIFF STATUS AND EXIM BANK CREDITS, CONTINUE TO PROMOTE INCREASED BILATERAL TRADE THROUGH TECHNICAL SALES SEMINARS, LABOR SEMINARS, AND SEEK TO PARTICIPATE ANNUALLY IN THE PLOVDIV TRADE FAIR;

--CONTINUE TO ASSIST US BUSINESSMEN TO OBTAIN IMPROVED ACCESS TO BULGARIAN OFFICIALS AND MORE RELEVANT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL DATA.

3. AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - BULGARIA

I. ENCOURAGEMENT OF GREATER BULGARIAN INDEPENDENCE INTERNATIONALLY.

--INCREASE CONSULTATIONS WITH BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

--ENCOURAGE BULGARIA TO MAINTAIN GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING NATOMEMBERSGREECE AND TURKEY, BEARING
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IN MIND US OBJECTIVES IN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES.

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--URGE BULGARIA TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN ITS RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA (E.G., SEEKING QUIETLY TO DISCOURAGE ANY EFFORTS TO FAN THE EMBERS OF THE OLD MACEDONIAN QUESTION).

--EXPLAIN US POLICY BEARING ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. CONSISTENT WITH OUR INTEREST IN PROMOTING BULGARIAN INVOLVEMENT IN CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACHES TO NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES; REPORT TO DEPARTMENT PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS, EMBASSY ASSESSMENTS, ETC., AS CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEVELOPMENT IN WASHINGTON OF MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR BILATERAL APPROACHES AND PREPARATIONS FOR MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

II. ENCOURAGEMENT OF INCREASED INTERNAL LIBERALIZATION, A MORE PLURALISTIC SOCIETY, AND MORE OPENNESS TO OUTSIDE INFLUENCE IN BULGARIA.

--URGE FULLER COMPLIANCE TO PRINCIPLE VII COMMITMENTS AND THE FOUR BASKET III PROVISIONS FOR HUMAN CONTACTS WHEN SEEKING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. IN PARTICULAR, URGE FULL IMPLEMENTATION IN THE AREA OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION.

--IMPLEMENT FULLY THE RECENTLY SIGNED AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION IN CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER FIELDS.

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--BROADEN AWARENESS OF US CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

III. ADVANCEMENT OF BILATERAL TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BULGARIA.

--ENCOURAGE THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT WITH THE FOREIGN BONDHOLDERS PROTECTIVE COUNCIL OF THE CLAIMS OF US BONDHOLDERS.

--SEEK APPROVAL FOR A US NAVY SHIP VISIT TO A BULGARIAN PORT IN CONNECTION WITH A SHIP VISIT TO A SOVIET BLACK SEA PORT.

--URGE THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO REDUCE THE ANTI-AMERICAN CONTENT OF THEIR MEDIA AND TO PORTRAY THE US IN MORE BALANCED TERMS.

--CONSIDER A CABINET-LEVEL VISIT TO BULGARIA WHEN THE STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF US/BULGARIAN RELATIONS WARRANTS.

---ENCOURAGE, AID AND SPONSOR THE BROADEST POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY AND BULGARIA'

--GIVE THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE THE BEST POSSIBLE UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POLICIES AND INTENTIONS, AND SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN SOCIETY TO COMPREHEND WHY WE HAVE CHOSEN CERTAIN POLICIES OVER OTHERS.

--ASSIST INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS AND INSTITUTIONS IN LEARNING ABOUT BULGARIA.

--SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION OF TECHNICAL SALES SEMINARS AND LABOR SEMINARS AND CONTINUED FULL ANNUAL US PARTICIPATION IN THE PLOVDIV TRADE FAIRS.

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--ENCOURAGE BULGARIAN PUBLICATION OF MORE RELEVANT ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL DATA.

--SEEK IMPROVED ACCESS FOR AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO BULGARIAN END-USERS AND DECISION-MAKERS.

--CONSIDER GRANTING BULGARIA MOST-FAVORED NATION STATUS

IF THE GENERAL STATE OF US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS IS
APPROPRIATE AND IF BULGARIA IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE
ASSURANCES SATISFYING EXISTING LEGISLATION. IN THE
ABSENCE OF MFN STATUS FOR BULGARIA, CONSIDER WAYS TO
INCREASE TRADE.

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